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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR POLISH EVIDENCE OF WAR CRIMES

1. AS THE EMBASSY MAY BE AWARE THE IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE SENT THE DEPARTMENT DOSSIERS ON 55
U.S. CITIZENS AND PERMANENT RESIDENTS ALLEGED TO HAVE PAR-
TICIPATED IN WAR CRIMES DURING WORLD WAR II. THESE DOSSIERS
HAVE BEEN CHECKED THROUGH THE BERLIN DOCUMENT CENTER AND
WITH THE AUTHORITIES OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. IN
MOST CASES THE ALLEGATIONS ARE WEAK, BUT UPON REVIEW SEVERAL
HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED SUBSTANTIAL ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY APPROACH-
ING THE SOVIET AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN
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COLLECTING MORE EVIDENCE. WE ALSO HAVE MATERIAL FROM U.S.

AND/OR FRG SOURCES IN THESE CASES WHICH COULD BE USED TO CHECK THE VERACITY OF EVIDENCE PROVIDED BY THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

2. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PRESENT TO THE MFA A DIPLOMATIC NOTE ALONG THE LINES PRINTED IN PARA 4, REQUESTING EVIDENCE OF ALLEGED WAR CRIMES COMMITTED BY OTTO FRIEDRICH WILHELM BROSCHEIT, A NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZEN.

3. SUCH EVIDENCE IS SOUGHT FOR POSSIBLE USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/INS IN DENATURALIZATION AND/OR DEPORTATION

PROCEEDINGS. SINCE SUCH PROCEEDINGS WILL MOST LIKELY BE LENGTHY AND INVOLVE NUMEROUS SENSITIVE AND COMPLEX ISSUES THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT NOR SHOULD THE EMBASSY SPECULATE AS TO THE POSSIBILITIES OF DEPORTATION, AND ANY SPECIFIC ISSUES SUCH AS THE PLACE TO WHICH A PERSON MAY BE DEPORTED WILL BE ADDRESSED ONLY IF NECESSARY AND AS THEY NATURALLY ARISE IN APPROPRIATE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT USG AVOID GIVING THE POLES FALSE EXPECTATION THAT THE SUBJECT OF THIS INQUIRY IS LIKELY TO BE TURNED OVER TO POLISH CUSTODY EVEN IF THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HIM ARE SUBSTANTIATED. THAT SITUATION WILL BE ADDRESSED LATER AND ONLY IF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS REQUIRE.

4. SUGGESTED DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE MFA FOLLOWS:

"THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, POLISH PEOPLES REPUBLIC, TO ASSIST AND COOPERATE WITH THE EMBASSY IN GATHERING AND PROVIDING EVIDENCE RELATING TO ACTIVITIES OF OTTO FRIEDRICH WILHELM BROSCHEIT, WHO HAS BEEN LINKED TO ALLEGED WAR CRIMES. INFORMATION LINKING THIS INDIVIDUAL TO ALLEGED ACTIVITIES FOLLOWS: HE WAS BORN MARCH 23, 1912 IN MARIENBURG, GERMANY, AND IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN COMMANDANT OF A FORCED LABOR CAMP NEAR POZNAN, POLAND CALLED RENO, REMO, OR REMU. HE HAS ALSO BEEN LINKED TO ANOTHER CAMP NEAR POZNAN CALLED EICHENWALD. HE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE SS AND STATIONED IN THE POZNAN CAMPS AT LEAST FROM THE FALL OF 1941 TO THE

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SPRING OF 1942.

"EVIDENCE FROM POLISH SOURCES IS SOUGHT BY THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS A BASIS FOR DENATURALIZATION OR OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THIS INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.

"THE EMBASSY WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ANY AVAILABLE EVIDENCE PERTAINING TO THIS INDIVIDUAL AND THE OFFENSES WHICH HE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE COMMITTED SUCH AS COPIES OF DOCUMENTS AND STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES. SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT OF SUCH EVIDENCE AND REVIEW BY THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES, THE EMBASSY MAY REQUEST THE COOPERATION OF THE MINISTRY IN ARRANGING FOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS FROM CERTAIN WITNESSES, AND/OR IN ARRANGING FOR CERTAIN WITNESSES TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES TO TESTIFY.

"ANY EVIDENCE OR INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE MINISTRY WOULD BE KEPT IN CONFIDENCE CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF

U.S. LAW, BUT MAY ULTIMATELY BECOME A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD.

"THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THE ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION OF THE MINISTRY IN THIS AND ANY ADDITIONAL CASES WHICH THE EMBASSY MAY SUBMIT TO THE MINISTRY IN THE FUTURE."

5. PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPHICALLY WHEN THE NOTE HAS BEEN DELIVERED AND THE TEXT OF SAME. KISSINGER

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